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1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Steward, Vice-Chair Greck and Committee members Donald Burgess, George Greb, Frances Steier. Also in attendance was Town Engineer, Larry Peters. Also present from the Town were Marcie Nolan, Phillip Holste and Michael Mungal.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 23, 2005

Vice-Chair Greb made a motion, seconded by Ms. Greck, to approve the May 23, 2005 Minutes, with the correction given by Vice-Chair Greb. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion passed 6-0)

3. OLD BUSINESS

[Dr. Pellicane arrived at 7:43 p.m.]

3.1 Update on Town's Website for Open Space and Parks – Braulio Rosa

Chairperson Steward postponed this discussion until Mr. Rosa arrived.

[Mr. Dudley arrived at 7:45 p.m.]

3.2 Update on Town's Wetland Mitigation Plan including status of Plans for Van Kirk – Phil Holste

Mr. Holste updated the Committee on mitigation plans for the Van Kirk site. He explained features illustrated on the site plan including a nature center, equestrian trails, bike trail, a fitness trail, and playground.

The Committee discussed various features illustrated on the site plan illustration.

Regarding wetland inventory, Mr. Holste advised that the Town was looking at mitigating the West Ridge site.

Chairperson Steward asked about plans that were previously submitted for the site. Mr. Holste advised that two developers had approached the Town about mitigation. Chairperson Steward asked if there was a general overall mitigation plan for other sites identified. Mr. Holste responded affirmatively and indicated that the plan presented to the Board earlier this year was being incorporated.

Mr. Holste indicated he would forward additional information on the Van Kirk site to the Committee.

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3.1 Update on Town's Website for Open Space and Parks – Braulio Rosa

Mr. Rosa advised that the Town's website had been updated and included a separate link for the Open Space program.

Referring to the bond referendum, Ms. Steier felt the red "X" symbol on the ballot icon on the website might be misconstrued. In terms of the bond, Mr. Rosa advised that workshops would be scheduled for the public where the millage rate would be discussed. He added that the Town's brochure would have additional information.

Chairperson Steward asked if there was any way to reduce the time it took to download trail maps. Mr. Rosa explained that this depended on the size of the file, but would look at ways to improve this.

Ms. Greck felt an image representative of a particular park would help people create a mental link to that site.

3.3 Update on Status of Trail Systems Maps – Town Liaison

Marcie Nolan introduced Michael Mungal, the Town's new Engineer II, and the Committee's new Liaison.

Ms. Nolan indicated that the trail map had been updated to reflect the Committee's proposed trail connections. She advised that this would be included on the EAR and would go before the Town Council in September. She also advised that this would go before the Planning and Zoning Board on August 10.

3.4 Adopt-A-Park Program – Joyce Steward

Chairperson Steward explained that this was similar in theory to Broward County's Adopt-a-Street program. She explained that this involved a group such as the Boy or Girl Scouts, an HOA, or a neighborhood group, being responsible for cleaning up a particular park 4 times per year. Chairperson Steward spoke of Lange Park as a possible site to be considered for such an effort as there was little maintenance needed.

Ms. Nolan felt progress on this program would likely be slow and steady. She suggested that the Committee invite Parks and Recreation Director, Dennis Andresky, to the next meeting to discuss this further.

Chairperson Steward stated that scheduled workdays could be defined for park cleanup. Ms. Nolan added that community service hours could be applied to such efforts. Mr. Burgess suggested identifying specific parks for this effort as this would be beneficial in moving this program forward.

3.5 Progress Report – Davie Area Land Trust – Linda Greck

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Ms. Greck advised that the Davie Land Trust would meet the following day, July 26 at Town Hall, in the Community Room, at noon. She stated that the Land Trust was getting behind the bond effort.

Dr. Pellicane asked if any particular sites had been identified that the Trust was focusing on. Ms. Greck mentioned the Sigars property and the Stone Bridge property, but indicated that no site was identified for a specific project yet.

Ms. Greck advised that a "Yes Campaign" was in the works for the bond referendum and added that the Land Trust was seeking private donations and more members.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Update on Open Space Bond Referendum PAC and Davie Public Workshops – PAC Committee Representative and Town Liaison

Chairperson Steward spoke of political action committees being formed in response to the Bond Referendum. Vice-Chair Greb asked if Town Attorney Kiar had been approached about giving the Committee direction on Sunshine Law regulations. Chairperson Steward advised that Town Administrator Kovanes had instructed Mr. Kiar's office to provide any help it could to the Committee.

Dr. Pellicane indicated her yard was available for signage as it had good visibility.

4.2 Capital Improvement Budget for 2006 to 2010 – Town Liaison

Chairperson Steward requested information from staff on the Capital Improvements Budget, such as the costs for routine maintenance of the trail system and open space parks. Ms. Nolan indicated staff would provide this for the next meeting.

Ms. Greck asked whether the equestrian bridges proposed had been reflected as a Capital Improvement item. Mr. Peters stated he was unsure at this time and indicated the cost was \$50-\$60,000 per bridge.

5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

6. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Pellicane made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Greb, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

Approved

Chairperson/Committee Member